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Kentucky Virtual Library Status Report

Kentucky Virtual Library provides leadership to the library community of the Commonwealth through sharing financial and human resources, best practices in service and resource sharing, and coordinating statewide, P20 delivery of digital content to serve education, workforce and the citizenry. KYVL successfully brings colleges and universities, schools and public libraries together to lower costs and improve efficiencies through joint purchasing of services and consortial acquisitions of content.

Since 1999, KYVL's value increases each year due to the growing demand for all types (articles, course content, photographs, audio, and video) of digital resources by all levels of education, businesses and citizens. KYVL is available to all Kentuckians and regularly serves over 1.8 million people from the 1,500 designated locations of its 300 cost-sharing member organizations. Through its economies of scale, KYVL is highly cost efficient and effective, and it ensures equity of access for all to its valuable resources.

KYVL has completed its 2010-13 Strategic Plan and will soon announce the 2013-16 plan. As part of the planning process, KYVL's 15th anniversary celebration will be included in the fall 2014 calendar. The KYVL Leadership Team and Alliance, representing all of KYVL's constituent groups provides invaluable direction and expertise as they review feedback from stakeholders and complete the analysis necessary to define Kentucky Virtual Library's strategic direction.

Kentucky Learning Depot, the P-20 OER (open education resources) collaborative now part of KYVL, gives a framework for educators to find, share and repurpose digital learning content to improve their course and classroom. KDE, KCTCS and CPE share a multi-year agreement with the National Repository of Online Courses to meet objectives of cost savings, sharing quality content and maximizing resources. The repository generates efficiencies in course development by allowing educators to create resources once and re-use and share them many times. The "open access" community (and research funders) endorse more open and unrestricted access to content in ways that make that public-funded content accessible to citizens and other scholars. Creative Commons, Learning Registry, Connexions and OpenCourseware Consortium are just a few of the organizations behind beneficial and transformative changes in digital content sharing.

KYVL benefits reach all corners of the Commonwealth as evidenced in the annual and cumulative statistics generated by its programs.

Since 1999:

- 111 Million+ Searches by Public Postsecondary users in KYVL-sponsored databases, such as articles, citations, maps, and other digital content.
- 39% of Total Searches of KYVL-licensed resources came from public postsecondary members
- 244 Million+ Total Searches by all KYVL members in the article, citation and content databases
- \$7.5M Saved in Shipping Costs by participating universities, colleges and public libraries
- 1.9M Items Transported, such as lab kits, multimedia and book discussion kits, by KYVL's Courier Service with dedicated delivery to 445 stops at 187 locations including the state university libraries, KCTCS, the state library and some AIKCU

In Fiscal Year 2012-13:

- 46.4M Searches of article, index and abstracts databases for P20 users in FY2012-13
- 11M Downloads of full text covering a broad spectrum of disciplines and interests
- 1.4M Digital Artifacts in the Kentucky Digital Library preserving our community and cultural memory
- 80K eTextbooks, Course Modules and Learning Objects available via Kentucky Learning Depot
- \$15M Saved in Library Management System Costs by all of the state university libraries, KCTCS, Kentucky Department for Library and Archives, Kentucky History Center, and seven other affiliate libraries